

## Primary Spelling Inventory (PSI)

The Primary Spelling Inventory (PSI) is used in kindergarten through third grade. The 26 words are ordered by difficulty to sample features of the letter name-alphabetic within word pattern stages. Call out enough words so that you have at least five or six misspelled words to analyze. For kindergarten or other emergent readers, you may only need to call out the first five words. In late kindergarten and early first grade classrooms, call out at least 15 words so that you sample digraphs and blends; use the entire list for late first, second, and third grades. If any students spell more than 20 words correctly, you may want to use the Elementary Spelling Inventory.

1. fan
  2. pet
  3. dig
  4. rob
  5. hope
  6. wait
  7. gum
  8. sled
  9. stick
  10. shine
  11. dream
  12. blade
  13. coach
  14. fright
  15. chewed
  16. crawl
  17. wishes
  18. thorn
  19. shouted
  20. spoil
  21. growl
  22. third
  23. camped
  24. tries
  25. clapping
  26. riding
- I could use a fan on a hot day. *fan*  
 I have a pet cat who likes to play. *pet*  
 He will dig a hole in the sand. *dig*  
 A raccoon will rob a bird's nest for eggs. *rob*  
 I hope you will do well on this test. *hope*  
 You will need to wait for the letter. *wait*  
 I stepped on some bubble gum. *gum*  
 The dog sled was pulled by huskies. *sled*  
 I used a stick to poke in the hole. *stick*  
 He rubbed the coin to make it shine. *shine*  
 I had a funny dream last night. *dream*  
 The blade of the knife was very sharp. *blade*  
 The coach called the team off the field. *coach*  
 She was a fright in her Halloween costume. *fright*  
 The dog chewed on the bone until it was gone. *chewed*  
 You will get dirty if you crawl under the bed. *crawl*  
 In fairy tales wishes often come true. *wishes*  
 The thorn from the rosebush stuck me. *thorn*  
 They shouted at the barking dog. *shouted*  
 The food will spoil if it sits out too long. *spoil*  
 The dog will growl if you bother him. *growl*  
 I was the third person in line. *third*  
 We camped down by the river last weekend. *camped*  
 He tries hard every day to finish his work. *tries*  
 The audience was clapping after the program. *clapping*  
 They are riding their bikes to the park today. *riding*